

Federal Black Lung Program: Number of beneficiaries and total payments by the Social Security Administration and Department of Labor, 1980–2005

Year	Social Security Administration (SSA)		Department of Labor (DOL)		All	
	Beneficiaries	Amount (dollars)	Beneficiaries	Amount (dollars)	Beneficiaries	Amount (dollars)
1980	399,477	1,032,000,000	139,073	813,205,000	538,550	1,845,205,000
1981	376,505	1,081,300,000	163,401	805,627,000	539,906	1,886,927,000
1982	354,569	1,076,000,000	173,972	784,085,000	528,541	1,860,085,000
1983	333,358	1,055,800,000	166,043	858,854,000	499,401	1,914,654,000
1984	313,822	1,038,000,000	163,166	873,932,000	476,988	1,911,932,000
1985	294,846	1,025,000,000	160,441	905,517,000	455,287	1,930,517,000
1986	275,783	971,000,000	156,892	629,075,000	432,675	1,600,075,000
1987	258,988	940,000,000	153,769	655,290,000	412,757	1,595,290,000
1988	241,626	904,000,000	150,123	656,689,000	391,749	1,560,689,000
1989	225,764	882,000,000	145,289	650,123,000	371,053	1,532,123,000
1990	210,678	863,400,000	139,854	626,521,000	350,532	1,489,921,000
1991	196,419	844,400,000	134,205	942,428,000	330,624	1,786,828,000
1992	182,396	822,500,000	128,761	973,636,000	311,157	1,796,136,000
1993	168,365	794,300,000	123,213	984,666,000	291,578	1,778,966,000
1994	155,122	751,900,000	117,569	994,655,000	272,691	1,746,555,000
1995	143,011	696,700,000	111,769	995,722,000	254,780	1,692,422,000
1996	131,143	654,600,000	105,923	992,128,000	237,066	1,646,728,000
1997	119,233	614,888,000	100,352	1,004,672,000	219,585	1,619,560,000
1998	109,271	576,389,000	94,488	999,822,000	203,759	1,576,211,000
1999	98,977	541,200,000	88,716	1,005,246,000	187,693	1,546,446,000
2000	91,596	522,147,000	82,910	422,656,000	174,506	944,803,000
2001	79,518	487,420,000	70,530	396,928,000	150,048	884,348,000
2002	73,593	453,862,000	65,747	384,234,000	139,340	838,096,000
2003	65,638	416,971,000	61,162	370,389,000	126,800	787,360,000
2004	58,598	379,829,000	56,719	346,864,000	115,317	726,693,000
2005	51,972	345,476,000	52,531	329,863,000	104,503	675,339,000

NOTE: The SSA was assigned initial responsibility for administering the Black Lung benefits program. The DOL assumed responsibility for processing and paying claims on July 1, 1973. Most claims filed prior to July 1, 1973 remain within the jurisdiction of SSA, which also continues to be responsible for processing and paying claims filed by the survivors of these miners. The dollar amounts from the DOL are for fiscal years. See appendices for source description.

SOURCE: Social Security Bulletin Annual Statistical Supplement (annual reports) and Black Lung Benefits Act Annual Report to Congress (annual reports).